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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE PRESS CONFERENCE

ONE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE TO REPRESENT NIGER AT
ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN JIDDA, FONMIN
DJERMAKOYE HELD PRESS CONFERENCE COVERING FOLLOWING
SUBJECTS:

1) ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: MEETING EXPECTED
TO DISCUSS: A) "BURNING ISSUE" OF JERUSALEM; B)
APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA; C) ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION;
AND D) "MINOR" ISLAMIC PROBLEMS. AS COUNTRY WHICH
NINETY PERCENT MUSLIM AND WITH ARAB NEIGHBORS WITH
WHICH RELATIONS ARE GOOD, NIGER IS STRONG SUPPORT
OF ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION.

2) SPANISH MOROCCO: REPEESENTATION BY ENVOYS FROM MOROCCO AND
MAURITANIA AS WELL AS ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR HAVE BEEN USEFUL BUT
GON HAS NOT RPT NOT AS YET COME TO DECISION ON SUBJECT.

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3) OAU MEETING AT KAMPALA: PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND MEETING. FONMIN DJERMAKOYE WILL JOIN NIGER DELEGATION IN KAMPALA AT CONCLUSION OF JIDDA CONFERENCE.

4) COMORES ISLANDS: GON WILL RECOGNIZE HEW COUNTRY UPON ITS INDEPENDENCE. AS FOR ISLAND OF MAYOTTE, THIS IS DOMESTIC ISSUE ON WHICH NIGER HAS NO VIEWS.

5) PORTUGAL: NIGER AND PORTUGAL HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. DELAY IN TAKING THIS STEP DUE ONLY TO PROBLEM OF CONTACT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND NO OTHER REASON. GON LOOKS FORWARD TO CLOSE COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL.HECK

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